

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of the pending claims (claims 1 to 19) will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1, 7 and 14 have been amended as shown in Applicant's Amendment of December 1, 2003, Claims 2, 4, 12, 15 and 17 have been amended to correct typographical errors in the original application and claims 3, 5, 6, 8 – 11, 13, 16, 18 and 19 remain as originally filed:

B 1. (Currently Amended) A shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, said shoulder rest comprising:
a first portion for abutting against a user's shoulder;
base portions for abutting and adhering against a back side of said telephone handset and
a cut-out portion between said base portions allowing said shoulder rest to conform to differently shaped telephone handsets.

2. (Currently Amended) The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said first portion is curved to ~~accommodate~~ accommodate said user's shoulder.

3. (Original) The shoulder rest of claim 1, further comprising a flat, flexible strap of material between said base portions and partially enclosing said cut-out portion.

4. (Currently Amended) The shoulder rest of claim 3, further comprising an adhesive on said strap and said base portions for ~~adhereing~~ adhering said shoulder rest to said telephone handset.

5. (Original) The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said first portion narrows along a length of said shoulder rest from a front end of said shoulder rest to a narrowest portion and then widens again.

6. (Original) The shoulder rest of claim 1, wherein said first and base portions of said shoulder rest are part of a hollow body of said shoulder rest.

B 7. (Currently Amended) A method of making a shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, said method comprising:

forming a first portion of said shoulder rest for abutting against a user's shoulder;

forming base portions of said shoulder rest for abutting against a back side of said telephone handset and placing an adhesive to said base portions; and

forming a cut-out portion of said shoulder rest between said base portions allowing said shoulder rest to conform to differently shaped telephone handsets.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said forming steps are performed by injecting a material into a mold.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said material is polyvinyl chloride.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising forming a flat, flexible strap of material between said base portions and partially enclosing said cut-out portion.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising integrally forming said strap of material with said base portions of said shoulder rest.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising placing an adhesive on said strap and said base portions for ~~adhering~~ adhering said shoulder rest to said telephone handset.

13. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising adhering said shoulder rest to a telephone handset.

14. (Currently Amended) A shoulder rest for use on a telephone handset, said shoulder rest comprising:

a first means for abutting against a user's shoulder;

base means for abutting and adhering against a back side of said telephone handset and

a concave means between said base portions allowing said shoulder rest to conform to differently shaped telephone handsets.

15. (Currently Amended) The shoulder rest of claim 14, wherein said first means are curved to ~~accomodate~~ accommodate said user's shoulder.

16. (Original) The shoulder rest of claim 14, further comprising second means extending between said base means and partially enclosing said concave means for increasing an area of said shoulder rest for contact with said telephone handset.

17. (Currently Amended) The shoulder rest of claim 16, further comprising adhesive means on said second means and said base means for ~~adhering~~ adhering said shoulder rest to said telephone handset.

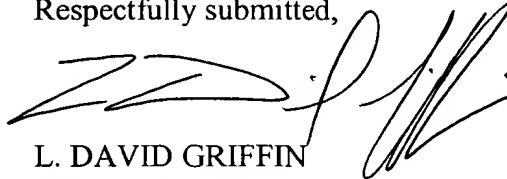
18. (Original) The shoulder rest of claim 14, wherein said first means narrows along a length of said shoulder rest from a front end of said shoulder rest to a narrowest portion, and then widens again.

19. (Original) The shoulder rest of claim 14, wherein said first means and base means of said shoulder rest are part of a hollow body of said shoulder rest.

For the reasons articulated in Applicant's Amendment of November, 30, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and courteously requests favorable action. If there are any outstanding issues that could be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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